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THE SPORTING CHANCE

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# Synopsis of "THE SPORTING CHANCE".

Darrell Thornton (Lou Tellegen) man about town, racing patron and philanderer of ladies' hearts, loves Patricia Win-throp (Dorothy Phillips), the only daughter of Caleb Winthrop (George Fawcett), who is on the verge of bankruptcy through unfortunate investments. Thornton and Patricia's immediate set take it for granted that they will eventually marry.

Entered in the Nassau Handicap, in which the best race horses of the country are to race for a large purse, is Kentucky Boy, owned by Robert Selby (Theodore Von Elitz) of Kentucky, who brought his horse north through Thornton advancing Selby the money for expenses.

A dance is given at the Turf Club to which Thornton escorts Patricia. Thornton again asks her to marry him, but she gently but firmly refuses, saying that she is not thinking of marriage just then. Thornton determines to make her his wife.

Selby discovers Patricia at the dance, who recognizes him as an old friend whom she met on a visit South, when she christened Kentucky Boy. Both are happy at the reunion, much to the discomfiture of Thornton. Selby monopolizes Patricia for the evening. This infuriates Thornton, who plots to make Patricia his at all costs.

Thornton tells Patricia that he has prepared a party in his apartments to celebrate their engagement and asks her not to disappoint him. He assures her that Selby will be one of the

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guests. Thornton induces Patricle to accompany him before the others arrive. While she goes for her wraps Thornton tells Selby that he will see him in the morning.

Once in his apartments, Thornton calmly tells Patricia that he intends to compromise her to such an extent that their engagement will have to be announced. Finding herself trapped, Patricia determines to fight her way out.

Leaving the Turr Club, Selby's jockey tells him that Thornton intends to seize Kentucky Boy unless the money that Thornton advanced is paid over immediately. On receipt of this news Selby hurries to Thornton's apartments. Thornton is pressing his unwelcome attentions on Patricia, who is fighting him off. In the midst of this, Selby is admitted and discovers Patricia alone in the apartment with Thornton. Patricia leaves, escorted by Selby. On the way home, she explains her predicament and they plight their troth.

Thornton, outwitted, determines to act quickly and orders Kentucky Boy seized for debt.

Patricia learns that her father is in financial difficulties and is likely to be sent to prison. She calls up Thornton and tells him she will become his wife. Selby calling, hears the news and is crushed. Patricia loving Selby, realizes that she must make the sacrifice for her father's sake.

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Thornton gives an elaborate party on the eve of the big race at his residence to announce his engagement to Patricia. In the interim Selby discovers that Kentucky Boy has been seized for debt and rushes to Thornton's house for an explanation. Thornton denies any knowledge of the affair, but Selby has seen Thornton's signature to the legal papers and accuses him of double dealing and being ahorse thief.

Selby, leaving the house, meets Patricia. He congratulates her saying that as a couple she and Thornton are well matched. Patricia then tells Selby that she accepted Thornton solely on account of her father's financial condition, but that her heart was his. Selby tells Patricia of Kentucky Boy's seizure and they evolve a plan to outwit Thornton.

The morning of the race sees Selby and his jockey at the race track paddock, leading the horse from the stall while the sheriff dozes. Kentucky Boy is led into Patricia's bedroom and hidden until race time.

Thornton learns of the horse's disappearance and notifies the police. Selby's jockey warns Patricia of the plans. Selby who had been seen leading a horse in the direction of the Winthrop house, is followed there by the police. Patricia convinces them that the house is horseless.

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Thornton has bet heavily on his entry, with Kentucky Boy out of the way. He has every entrance guarded to the track so that the missing horse cannot enter at the last minute.

Selby, disguised as an Italian vendor, enters the track with Kentucky Boy, looking like a decrepit nag, pulling the wagon. Thornton is suspicious and while arguing with the track police, Kentucky Boy is unharmessed by the jockey, saddled and before Thornton can stop him, is at the post just as the barrier falls.

Kentucky Boy in a smashing race comes down the home stretch a winner, much to the great joy of Patricia and Selby and the discomfiture of Thornton. Rushing home, Patricia and Selby heap old man Winthrop with all the winnings, while he delightedly gives the young couple his blessings.

### Cast of Characters

Darrell ThorntonLOU TELLEGEN
Patricia Winthrop
Caleb Winthrop
Robert Seley Thecdore Von Eltz
The jockey Andrew Clarke
Kentucky Boy Kentucky Boy

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